

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-121 are pending in the present application. Of the pending claims, only claims 1, 24, 46, 67, 92 and 101 are independent. Claims 1 – 121 are subject to a restriction requirement, wherein claims 1 – 91 have been classified by Examiner as comprising a first group and claims 92 – 121 have been classified by Examiner as comprising a second group. Without agreeing with Examiner that claims 1 – 91 and claims 92 – 121 are drawn to distinct inventions, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the first group of claims (claims 1 – 91) in the present application.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner's indication that claims 1 – 91 are patentable over Woolston, as discussed in the arguments found persuasive by Examiner (the arguments may be found in the response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2002). (pg. 2, ¶ 1 of paper no. 14).

Conclusion

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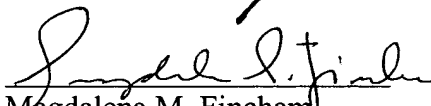
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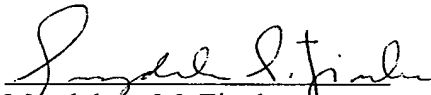
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